



### SUPPLEMENTAL REMARKS

These following remarks are supplemental to the remarks submitted as part of the Amendment filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 30, 2003 ("the September 30, 2003 Amendment").

The notice of non-compliant amendment mailed on December 23, 2003 (the "Notice") in connection with the instant application stated that the September 30, 2003 Amendment was not fully responsive to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2003 because the amendment to the claims contained therein does not comply with the Revised Amendment Practice. Specifically, the Notice indicated that the status of Claims 1-50, 52-54, 60-62, and 72-76 was not indicated.

In response to the Notice, Applicant submits this Supplemental Amendment which includes only the section of the September 30, 2003 Amendment that was not compliant with the Revised Amendment Practice. In particular, the Listing of Claims herein clarifies that Claims 1-50, 52-54, 60-62, and 72-76 have been canceled, without prejudice. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that amendment to the claims herein is in compliance with the Revised Amendment Practice.

Applicant notes that the Examiner has indicated that Claims 56, 58, 59, 63-66, 79-92, 99-102 and 112-115 are allowed. Applicant estimates that the remarks and amendments made herein now place the pending claims in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests that the present amendment be entered, and that the remarks herein, as well as the remarks submitted in connection with the September 30, 2003 Amendment, be considered and made of record in the instant application.

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